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USGS Biologist Receives Top Honor from National Park Service

Dr. Dan Fagre, a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) biologist with the Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center at Glacier National Park in Montana, will receive the National Park Service Director's Award for Natural Resource Research on March 15, 2005, at the George Wright Society biennial conference in Philadelphia, Penn.

Fagre was selected for the NPS honor because of his ability to perform excellent scientific studies, resulting in significant publications, his ability to "outreach" to the park staff and visitors, and his penchant for collaboration with other researchers and managers in the Rocky Mountain region.

"Dan has served both the USGS and the National Park Service for 14 years. His personal research, and work done by his research group, have focused on developing the ability to explain, quantify, and predict what changes will occur in parks and protected areas with the onset of global climate change and other stressors, and therefore help predict the impacts on a much broader "landscape" scale," said Dick Jachowski, Director of the USGS Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center.

His research program is focused on Glacier National Park, but the scope of his efforts extends beyond park borders into western North America and internationally. An outstanding communicator, Fagre has assisted with educating the park staff, visitors, the local community, and managers on the importance of global change research and implications for managing parks and other protected areas. His work is recognized internationally, yet he is an important contributor to basic park management and programs, including snow and avalanche predictions for opening the Going-to-the-Sun Road, the Climate Friendly Park Initiative, the Inventory and Monitoring program, air quality and UV monitoring support, and supporting the Crown of the Continent Research Learning Center.

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